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DEVICE**
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previously provided or cited by the Examiner in connection with U.S. Serial Nos. 08/931,552 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,954,766) and 09/397,218, which are relied upon for an earlier filing date in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 120.

The documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 are in the English language, with the exception of items DF and DG. Items DF and DG, which are in the Russian language, are provided with English language Derwent abstracts, items DZ and EA, respectively. Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the attached references and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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